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APPLICATION NO: 09/084,542

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FOR: Epothilone Derivatives

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

Prior to issuance of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29, 39, 59, 60, 63 and 68 as

follows:

1. (amended) A compound of the formula

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R₆ R₂ R₂
R₇ R₁ R₂ R₃ R₄
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